

In the Abstract:

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A process for the hydrogenolysis of a sugar feedstock in the presence of a catalyst comprising: (a) ruthenium or osmium; and (b) an organic phosphine; and wherein the hydrogenolysis is carried out in the presence of water and at a temperature of greater than 150°C.

Amendments to the Specification:

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This application is a National Stage of International Application No. PCT/GB2004/004391, filed October 15, 2004, which claims priority to Great Britain Application No. GB 0325386.1, filed October 30, 2003.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

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Description of the Related Art

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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